GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK ARMY PLAN TO HIJACK PLANE
RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding Pakistan Army plan to hijack plane appearing in the Dainik Jagran dated 26th June 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures being contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On receipt of intelligence input referred to in the Dainik Jagran dated 26th June, 2002, the information was shared with Bureau of Civil Aviation Security who had issued an alert in this regard.

(c): Government have issued instructions to State Governments/UT Administrations and security agencies for strengthening the security of all operational airports in the country. Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) have been deployed at sensitive and hyper sensitive airports including those at Delhi, Jammu & Srinagar which are apprehended to be targeted. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is also being deployed on all airports in the country to ensure better security.